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MICHAEL F. GADOLA, MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT COUNSEL AND STATE COURT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE GENERAL COUNSEL, SELECTED AS 2003 TOLL FELLOW

LANSING, MICHIGAN, September 17, 2003 – Michael F. Gadola, Michigan Supreme Court Counsel and General Counsel to the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO), has been chosen for the Toll Fellowship Program sponsored by the Council of State Governments, a national nonprofit public service organization.

“This honor is further recognition of Mike Gadola’s achievements and ability,” said Chief Justice Maura D. Corrigan, who nominated Gadola for the program. “Anyone who has worked with Mike knows that he is an impressive legal talent as well as an emerging leader in state government.”

Gadola is one of 40 Toll Fellows participating this week in the fellowship program, which is being held in Lexington, Kentucky. The program is named in honor of Henry Toll, a Colorado senator who founded the Council of State Governments in 1933.

According to the Council of State Governments website, “The Henry Toll Fellowship Program is the premier leadership development program for state government officials Each year, the Toll program brings the states’ best and brightest emerging leaders to Kentucky for an intensive five-day ‘intellectual boot camp’ to develop the next generation of leaders from the three branches of state government.” The program agenda focuses on trends, critical thinking, professional growth and development, and leadership. Toll Fellows are chosen from a pool of nominees; selection criteria includes leadership potential and accomplishments to date.

Gadola joined the Supreme Court as Supreme Court Counsel in 2001; in June 2003, he was also named General Counsel to SCAO. Gadola served as House Majority Counsel in the Michigan House of Representatives from 1999-2000. From 1991-1995 and 1997-1998, he was Deputy Legal Counsel and Counsel for Executive Organization to Governor John Engler. From 1996 to 1997, Gadola was of counsel to the law firm of Dickinson Wright, where his practice specialties included general litigation, telecommunications and election law; he also practiced with the firm from 1990 to 1991. Gadola served as Director of the Office of Regulatory Reform under Governor Engler from 1995-1996.

A graduate of Michigan State University, Gadola received his law degree cum laude from Wayne State University Law School, where he was Editor-in-Chief of *The Wayne Law Review* from 1989-1990 and was a member of the Order of the Coif, an academic honor society for law students. A resident of Haslett, Gadola is a Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation. He is active in a number of professional and community organizations, including the Incorporated Society of Irish-American Lawyers, the Boys and Girls Club of Lansing, Greater Lansing Ours by Adoption, and the Catholic Lawyers Guild.